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SUBJECT: HOSTSHIP 5TH WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

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1. APPRECIATE EFFORTS WHICH EMBASSY MADE CONCERNING
POSSIBLE U.S. HOSTSHIP OF 5TH WORLD FOOD COUNCIL SESSION.
IN MEXICO, DELEGATION WORKED CLOSELY WITH REPRESENTATIVES
OF NIGERIA WHO WERE EXCEEDINGLY FRANK, BOTH PRIVATELY
AND IN PUBLIC SESSION, CONCERNING DESIRE TO HOST SOME
FUTURE WFC SESSION BUT NOT REPEAT NOT THE 5TH IN 1979.
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REASONS GIVEN WERE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT AND INABILITY TO
PROVIDE THE HOSTSHIP SUPPORT WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED.

2. PRIOR TO NIGERIAN PUBLIC STATEMENT, U.S. DECIDED THAT,
SINCE IT WAS SEEKING SUPPORT FOR AN AMERICAN AS EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF THE WFC, IT WOULD BE BEST NOT TO PURSUE HOST-
SHIP POSSIBILITY AT THIS TIME. INSTEAD, CANADA, WITH U.S.

ENCOURAGEMENT, OFFERED TO HOST 5TH SESSION. THE OFFER WAS NOT DISCUSSED WHEN RAISED IN PLENARY BUT THERE IS NO DOUBT THE BUREAU AND SECRETARIAT WILL REVIEW THE OFFER, AS PROPOSED BY THE PRESIDENT, AND SELECT CANADA AS THE SITE.

3. AS APPROPRIATE, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO THANK THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA. WHEN NIGERIA DOES DECIDE TO HOST A FUTURE WFC SESSION, IT MAY BE ASSURED OF THE FULLEST SUPPORT OF THIS GOVERNMENT.

4. RELATED TO ABOVE, SYG WALDHEIM TODAY ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MAURICE WILLIAMS (US) TO SUCCEED JOHN HANNAH AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WFC. VANCE

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